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The 44th Annual Advisory Board Benefit Dinner will be held this Friday night, December 5. Tim Conway will be this year's guest speaker.

The Rugby team will play its first game of the season against Harding University this Saturday in Memphis. Come out to support our players.

Briefly:

Final exams will be December 8-10. The Library will open for extended hours starting Sunday night.

All students must be out of the dorms by 5pm on Friday, December 12. Short courses will start back on January 4th.

If you would like to opt-in to the iKnow Initiative you can do so starting today until Christmas break. You will receive your equipment January 20 before classes begin. To opt-in, you must come to office 5 in Brown-Kopel 8:00 - 12:00 or 1:00 - 5:00 M-F by the end of finals week (December 12). No opt-ins will be taken after this date.

Soul Food

God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

Job 37:5

Team iHope raises money for the children of St. Jude

By Shannon Hargis
Assistant Editor

While many of us will be snoozing soundly in our twin-size beds this coming up Saturday, December 6th, approximately 14,000 people will gather in the cool, crisp morning air in the birthplace of Rock N' Roll and Home of the Blues. What can bring this many people out at 8:00 a.m. on a chilly December morning? Nothing less, of course, than good old-fashioned running, and Memphis, TN's annual marathon fundraiser for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. The 14,000 participants are divided into three different races: the marathon (26.2 miles), the half-marathon (13.1 miles), and the Memphis Grizzlies 5K (3.1 miles). The race was established in 1990 and associated with St. Jude's in 2002 and it is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. This year, all three races reached their max and capped out on participants.

With the race beginning and ending in the downtown Memphis area, runners will pass many of the cities popular and historic landmarks including the Mississippi River, Beale Street, Sun Studio, and the National Civil Rights Museum. Runners finish at the AutoZone Park, home of the Memphis Redbirds, Memphis' own AAA baseball team. Prize money, totaling to \$30,000, will be awarded to the top 10 men and women finishers in the marathon. The finish line operates until 3:30 p.m. giving runners a total of six hours to complete their race.

The St. Jude's Marathon

is more than just a race. It's an action-packed weekend of fun, food, entertainment, and exercise! Race participants amenities include: t-shirt, finisher's medal, finisher's certificate, trolley service on Saturday, bag check area, access to locker room & showers, post-race food and beverages, and post-race celebration. There are also features included on the course such as clocks, aid stations, and "por-toilets" at every mile. Medical support, including ambulances, is stationed along the course, as well as a well-equipped medical field at the finish of the course.

Participating restaurants, primarily in the Downtown Memphis area, will offer special selections and discounts for runners on the eve of Race Day. All the runners have to do is simply show their official race number to take advantage of these special offers. This year the post-race celebration and award ceremony is hosted by Jillian's and is open to all participants and their families. There will also be live "Memphis Music."

All proceeds from the race will go to benefit the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. In addition to the registration fee, runners are also given the opportunity to donate \$25 and become a St. Jude Hero. At St. Jude, children are treated regardless of a family's ability to pay, so fundraising is essential to continuing the life-saving research and treatment that is done there. As A St. Jude Hero, you receive



Photo submitted by Dava Dickson

FHU will send team iHope to Memphis this Saturday for their annual marathon, half-marathon, and 5K fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

extra race amenities such as: fundraising web page, on-line training programs, an invitation to pre-race pasta party (for St. Jude Heroes only) and also entry into the Heroes Headquarters (exclusive pre- and post-race St. Jude Heroes hospitality area). All you have to do as a St. Jude Hero is ask friends and family to support you in your chosen race and make a donation. For example, they may donate a dollar for every mile you run, or a larger donation if you

finish in a shorter time period.

Last year, the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend welcomed more than 1,600 St. Jude Heroes who raised more than \$1.2 million for the lifesaving research and treatment conducted at St. Jude. This year even more St. Jude Heroes are expected to hit the streets of downtown Memphis on race day in honor of the hospital's mission of finding cures and saving children. We have an increasing group of participants

from Freed-Hardeman every year and our fundraising and donation continues to increase every year as well. This event is becoming one of Tennessee's premier race weekends. Through the help of thousands of mid-Southerners taking on the challenge of being fit and saving lives, this event brings hope to children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A FHU Christmas

By Bradley Gean
Staff Writer

Once again, students at Freed-Hardeman University have gone to new extremes to make campus a little more "festive." For months many leaders on campus have been preparing for the Student Government Association's Second Annual "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas," a performance "produced entirely by Freed-Hardeman students to showcase the university's best talent." Throughout the two hour production, Freed-Hardeman students brought to the stage an eclectic variety of songs, sure to entertain an audience of all ages.

Leading the event has been a team of friends who clearly dream big and work very hard to produce a star-studded show. They are: Dustin Dickey, "Student Producer"; Robert Hatfield, "Student Director"; Josh Watkins, lighting; Marcia Jo Frazier, stage manager; Sean Griggs, sound; and Missie Lomoriello, SGA Sponsor. Also worth mentioning are: Craig Owen, Ashton Yenawine (SGA Vice President,) and the Freshmen Advisory Council. Combining all their hard work with the night's small admission, not only resulted in a priceless show, but raised funds for the school's "Student Emergency Fund." The

fund is sponsored by the Student Government Association and sets aside money for students who are hit by tragedy throughout the year.

Bringing the stage to life, the night was filled with a variety of Freed-Hardeman's most talented singing voices. FHU's 2008 caroling cast was: Missy Robbins, Dustin Dickey, Robert Hatfield, Blake Jenkins, Emma Rinks, Madison Chandler, Bradley Gean, Lauren Goodman, Garrett Meggs, Sarah- Taylor Argo, Sarah Tesh, Allison May, Diamond DuBoise, Sarah Ray, Scott Utter, Lauren Malecha, and Marcia Jo Frazier. Each of these students went through a formal audition process in September, and has since then received song assignments, which they practiced with either a karaoke track or with the night's pianist, Brandon South. The songs presented ranged from classics, like Bing Crosby's "Silver Bells" and Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song" to more comical acts, such as "I Saw Momma Kissing Santa Clause" (featuring our President, First Lady, and Dean Wiley); and more modern pieces, such as, "My Grown Up Christmas List" and The Polar Express's "When Christmas Comes To Town."

Despite the amazing voices, cool lights, and great sound, the



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FHU rings in the Christmas season with a starry night of talent

staff and cast both agree that the highest credits should go to Brandon South, a native of the Henderson area, who after a successful show last year returned as the pianist for the 2008 performance as well. South, by ear, learned and performed at least 8 songs, which were brand new to him, for this year's show. Appropriately put, the night's program says the following about this pianist, "Requiring no sheet music, Brandon listens to each song and reproduces the

sound through the keys. The success of "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas"—both last year and this year—is largely dependant upon Brandon's sacrificial spirit and beautiful music." Special thanks also go to Tony Allen, FHU Chorale, FHU Singers, and FHU Band for their participation in the event.

The night concluded with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the top of the campus's Commons where UPC provided guests with hot chocolate. Plans

are already being made for the event to return for a third year. Please keep in mind, the Student Government Association, as well as the University Program Council, offer many opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved and "share their voice" with the rest of the campus. The staff and cast of this year's "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas" encourage you to take advantage of such opportunities, and want to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Freed-Hardeman's annual benefit dinner welcomes Tim Conway

By Laura Locke
Staff Writer

As the weather turns frosty and the season's holiday festivities begin, preparations for Freed-Hardeman University's 44th Annual Advisory Board Benefit Dinner, which will be held the evening of Friday, December 5, are well underway. The speaker's address will be held in Loyd Auditorium, and dinner will be served in Bader Gymnasium, the Sports Center Gymnasium and Arena, and Brown-Kopel Lobby, according to the level of a guest's sponsorship.

Screen and stage comic legend Tim Conway will be featured for the event, as the Advisory Board Benefit Dinner traditionally hosts a well-known author, actor, government official, or other national figure as the evening's speaker. In recent years FHU

has welcomed such personalities as former president and first lady George H. W. and Barbara Bush, television host Regis Philbin, US Senator and Majority Leader Bill Frist, broadcast journalist Walter Cronkite, major league baseball player Cal Ripken Jr., and journalist and author Tim Brokaw.

Conway is perhaps best known for his roles on the television series *McHale's Navy* and the *Carol Burnett Show*. He was honored with five Emmy awards and a Golden Globe for his various roles such as "Mr. Tudball" and "The Old Man" on the *Carol Burnett Show*, which was recently received TV Land's Legend Award. Conway is makes regular guest appearances on such shows as *30 Rock*, for which he gained an Emmy nomination. He has also starred in various stage productions such as *The Odd Couple* and *Just for Laughs*.

The Advisory Board Benefit Dinner is Freed-Hardeman University's largest annual scholarship support raising event. As a result of the 2007 dinner alone, more than \$1.25 million was raised as funding toward student scholarships. Many Freed-Hardeman students

receiving scholarships funded in part by the university by ticket and sponsorship purchases from previous benefit dinners will assist with the event, serving as ushers



Photo Submitted

In this 1975 file photo, Harvey Korman, left, and Tim Conway perform a skit on *The Carol Burnett Show*, in Los Angeles.

and the like in fulfillment of the conditions of their scholarship awards.

Tickets, which begin at \$125 per individual, and sponsorships,

which begin at \$600, are available through the Office of Development.

It's a Wonderful Life

By Hannah Colley
Staff Writer

It's a wonderful life at FHU. It really is...especially if you were able to kick off this holiday season by going to see the homecoming play this year, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Life Radio Play." Directed by Cliff Thompson, this show was a unique novelty that was widely appreciated for its nostalgic qualities that provide us a window into another decade.

The setting for this theatrical trip back in time is 1940's—1946 to be specific, and it's Christmas Eve in the studios of WBFR in Manhattan. Once audience members took their seats, the actors who portrayed 1940s radio personalities strolled up and down the aisles, conversing with individuals while fully in character. These characters were well-formed because each of the actors had a specific 1940s personality that they mastered in imitation. For example, Van Richardson, who played Harry "Jazzbo" Heywood, took on the characteristics of Harpo Marx, stumbling around the stage in what appeared to be a

happy state of oblivion.

The directors, managers, and engineers of this show made it their goal to provide the audience with an accurate depiction of what a live radio show in the 1940s was really like, before television was an option for amusement. To accomplish this goal, they were careful to choose many different sound-effect devices that would have been used in the radio shows of the 40's. For example, to provide romantic cricket noises to create the illusion that George Bailey and Mary Hatch (played by Roy Justus and Hannah Hoyt) are taking a moonlight stroll, they strummed a hair comb. They placed tiles on the floor that the sound effects men, Jordan Smith and Justin Snider, would walk across each time someone in the show would need to be walking across a room. To create splashing noises when George Bailey contemplated suicide on the riverbanks, they used a small tub filled with water to make slashing sounds, and whenever the listener needed to know that the hour had changed, then a cuckoo

clock did the job. Whenever someone was intended to enter or exit a room or building, they used a small box which had a door with a doorknob that one could easily open and shut.

Besides the radio personalities and the Sound Effects Men, the Station Stage Manager, played by Harrison Gibbs, was also on stage, along with the Stewart Sisters, played by Rachel Ryan, Tansy Waldrop, and Rebecca Watts. The Stewart Sisters, reminiscent of a 40's girl's singing group known as the Andrews Sisters, sat on the side of the stage with their 1940's fashion magazines, ready for their cue to make their ways to the microphone for a commercial while the radio personalities rested for a moment. During these "commercials," the Stewart sisters would sing carols in beautiful, tight harmonies, thanks to much coaching by Music Director Kari Bragg. They advertised things like men's hair gel and something called "Toilet Cake" with catchy little tunes like you would have heard in the forties.



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The cast made the audience feel like they were really watching a live radio play.

Students could be heard praising the show as they exited a performance. Freshman P.J. Buckner said, "I thought it was neat. It was just as cool when I closed my eyes." Truly, just listening without watching created a nostalgic sensation of listening to a real, old-fashioned radio

show. Senior Matthew Beard said, when asked about the show, "I grew up listening to old time radio as a child, and this play brought back some memories for me. I could easily close my eyes, and imagine that I was sitting next to the radio, listening to the broadcast. It was a very neat experience."

With this celebration of sound, FHU's theatre department has presented us with another success. Don't miss this season's next production: "Seascape."

Homecoming week

By Heather Fortenberry
Assistant Editor

This year's Homecoming week started the Saturday before, as it always does, with clubs lining up in front of Gano to paint their designated windows. It was a week full of the usual "It-Ups" along with many other new activities. One of these new events was a Wednesday night worship service at Mid South before Fire-It-Up. The Lion and Lady Lion basketball teams were recognized and despite the rainy weather, a bon fire was started. Students cheered for both clubs and Freed-Hardeman, and then they made smores and drank hot chocolate. The first Homecoming banquet was held on Friday night. The banquet included a dinner, introduction of the Homecoming Court, music, and a slideshow. Pep-It-Up, which was on Saturday morning, was followed by the new Lion Walk. This walk was a line of FHU students cheering for the Lion and Lady Lion teams as they walked to the Sports Center. Immediately after the walk, a club tailgating competition began. Each club was assigned their own tailgating spot where they could display all their club paraphernalia. Although this event was short-lived due to rain, it was a great time for club



members, old and new, to get together and celebrate years of Freed-Hardeman memories.

Saturday afternoon, the event everyone had been anticipating finally arrived. The Lady Lions had an exciting victory over Harris-Stowe State, with a final score of 104-55. The guys also played a good game that ended in a 67-75 loss to Lee University. The Homecoming King and Queen were announced after the girls' game. Lauren Goodman was crowned Queen and Ben Lambert was crowned King. Club awards were given out during half time of the guys' game. First place for Paint-It-Up was given to Chi Beta Chi. Hoop-It-Up was won by Gamma Tau Omega. Sigma Rho placed

first in Puff-It-Up. The first place award for Rev-It-Up went to Sigma Rho. Phi Kappa Alpha received the first place award for both Pep-It-Up and Tailgating. The Amy Glass Spirit Trophy was given to Sigma Rho for their great sportsmanship and Christian attitudes. The overall Homecoming trophy went to Phi Kappa Alpha.

Overall, this year's Homecoming was very exciting, and exhausting, for everyone involved. All the students came together to support our Lion and Lady Lion basketball teams. It was a great week that will be remembered by all who participated.

Special Thanks

"Homecoming 2008 "Seems Like Old Times" was an overwhelming success! Despite the unexpected rain and sleet, the spirit of the day could not be dampened. All the events, new and old, were well-received and attendance was as high as ever. The new events - Homecoming Banquet, the Devotional/Bonfire, Lion Walk, Tailgating, and Pep Rally in the Commons, were awesome and we expect them all to make a comeback next year -

only bigger and better! A special thanks to everybody who helped make this year a success and to the social club Homecoming Reps who hung in there with us through all the changes this year.

Mark your Calendars for Homecoming 2009 - November 9-14!"

-Betsy Hesselrode, Director of Alumni Relations

Homecoming snaps

By Alana Tucker
Photographer



Creative writing

By Kyle Taubken
Associate Editor

The dim lights cast their meager shadows throughout the musty room. Slightly shaky from nerves but otherwise confident, a small voice can be heard echoing within the walls of this homely yet familiar space. Words of love, pain, life, and drama float around like ideas long forgotten in the days of our youth. The setting is the first floor lobby of Old Main. The words, those of our own peers here at Freed Hardeman.

Something very exciting is happening tonight. The first ever creative writing exhibition put on by Dr. Margaret Payne's creative writing class is taking place in the first floor lobby of Old Main tonight at 6:00.

This class focuses its efforts on encouraging and informing its students on how to express themselves through the art of the written word, whether in the form of dramatic interpretation, poetry, or narrative. While FHU has offered this course in the past, this is the first year it has been offered as an option for honors credit. There are about ten students taking the class this semester for regular credit and five who are taking the course for honors hours. These five honor students are: Kody Scott, Stephanie Pounders, Kelly Tilton, Rachel Ryan, and Zellynne Cebun. This is why Dr. Payne decided to have the reading. It will essentially count as an honors presentation for those honor students.

Poetry readings have been hosted in the past by the English department and the Literature Guild, but nothing of this magnitude and spanning so many literary genres has ever been done here at Freed.

These five students are required to present segments of the portfolios they have been accruing all semester. The other ten have the option to present but aren't required to do so. You can expect some exciting and impressive material from all those presenting. Kody Scott is going to read some of his original poetry and may even perform some musical accompaniment with his presentation. Rachel Ryan will be reading some of

her poetry and performing a dramatic piece with guest Chris Pate. Stephanie Pounders will be reading an excerpt from her short story "Hard Candy" and Kelly Tilton will be reading some original poetry.

We really encourage everyone who can to come out tonight and support this exciting event. It will be a great academic opportunity to hear some impressive work by our friends and peers.



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Hootenanny provides entertainment, memories, and full bellies

By John Jones
Staff Writer

As soon as the basketball court cleared after a well-fought battle between the FHU Lions and Lee University, Freed-Hardeman fans of all ages shed their maroon and gold to reveal their red and white. Still pumped about the Phi Kappa Alpha Homecoming victory, PKA alumni, current members, and anyone who wanted to go headed to the Auxiliary Gym for Hootenanny, a night full of remembrance, reminiscence...and chili. Gallons and gallons of the best chili around. Mr. Gover, a Phi Kappa honorary member, supplied the "Wildfire", his world-famous chili. For such a cold night outside, Mr. Gover and his "Wildfire" kept the Hootenanny guests very warm with jalapenos, habaneros, elk and venison. It was a memorable night that will live in the hearts and stomachs of

many.

The gym was decorated beautifully with 70 years worth of Bulldog memorabilia and gave many of the alumni an opportunity to look through old photo albums and relive their glory days with friends. Many stories were told and a great time was had by all who attended. Through the entire night, close to 350 guests arrived, met with old friends, had a good meal, and watched a great band for only ten dollars.

Locke Six, a local Nashville band, showed up to entertain for the night. They played for an hour and a half and didn't stick with just one musical genre. Special guest Kimberly McCloud sang along with the band for a couple of songs and performed like a pro. It was a tall order to musically entertain Hootenanny guests spanning from age 5-70, but Locke Six

did a spectacular job and were met with loud applause and great appreciation.

After the chili and the music, friends got together to take pictures to remember the night. Former and present presidents and "Suite" members were also honored. I don't think I have ever seen more red in one place. I definitely have never seen that many trophies in one place.

Hootenanny was a great way to wrap up Homecoming Week 2008. With all the competitions over and all the hoopla for the trophy concluded, the event was a relaxing opportunity to sit back and relish the hard work put forth by all the clubs and individuals represented in Homecoming. The Student Alumni Association did a grade-A job with Homecoming this year and Phi Kappa's Hootenanny ended the week with a bang.

As a Phi Kappa member, it was great to see what the club looked like in the past. As freshmen come to Freed and as seniors graduate and escape the "bubble", the club always remains constant in the areas of spirituality, friendships, fun, school pride, and athletic dominance. It is always important to remember the foundation you are built on so you can continue to build and share in the victories of those gone on before you. The oldest social club in Freed-Hardeman's history celebrated its 70th year with Hootenanny. "It's great to be in Phi Kappa Alpha. We've got the spirit, so word to yo momma."



Photo Submitted by Bethany Simpson
PKA Alumni reminiscence over past times at FHU.



Photo Submitted by Bethany Simpson
Current students look through old picture albums of their Bulldog predecessors.



Photo Submitted by Bethany Simpson
Nashville natives, Locke Six, set up for their performance at Hootenanny.

FHU art: What's new at the gallery

By Marisa Janes
Staff Writer

To all those non-art majors here at Freed, there's something new on the horizon—or, more appropriately, just across the street. The Troy Plunk Gallery (yes, Freed-Hardeman does have a professional exhibition gallery, located in the Bulliner-Clayton Art Building across the road from Henderson Church of Christ) is now housing the work of artist Billy Kirk, and will soon display the works of Jessica Wise, a senior art major.

Kirk, a graduate of Harding University, has been in the business of art since 1977. Known mainly for his

colloquial country landscapes, he also paints portraits and still lifes, among other subjects. His primary medium is oil paint, although he has been known to paint in acrylics, pastels, and watercolors. When invited to show some of his pieces in Freed-Hardeman's gallery, Kirk chose pieces that perfectly corresponded to his preferences in subject and medium.

I visited the exhibit on a quiet Monday afternoon and had the gallery to myself. The paintings on display certainly fit the occasion—sweeping, nostalgic vistas of a Tennessee Back Road leading to a small, dusty farm



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Kirk standing beside one of his landscape peices.

faced me on one side, while before me a gruff, sun-baked cowboy eyed me steadily over a fence post, jacket draped forgotten over the rail. Other paintings, including a still life, portrait, figure, and several more landscapes, bore titles such as Grace or God's Promise, indicative of the artist's faith. Kirk's work will continue to be featured until the upcoming senior exhibit of Jessica Wise.

Wise, currently a student and employed by the Office of Marketing and Relations (OMUR) as a photographer of student events, will be displaying several prints in addition to her photography work. As in other senior exhibits, this is a unique opportunity for Wise to display her achievements to her peers and mentors. Be sure to check out both Kirk's and Wise's work before the chance passes by.



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Kirk discusses his work to an attentive audience at his exhibition opening

Her view

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First, show the ones you love that you care. Like I said, the economy is rough and it is likely that you don't have as much money to spend this holiday season. Christmas, like most other holidays, is really just a time to let the ones you love know just how much they mean to you. If you don't have money, at least skip over to the dollar store and pick up a few 50 cent cards.

Write something meaningful in there and who knows...maybe they will even put it on their fridge!

Second, reflect your beliefs. Even though you may not agree, a lot of people around the world really do think that Jesus is the reason

for the season. Even if that's not "technically" so, isn't Jesus the reason for everything? Let someone go in front of you in the retail line. Go sing Christmas carols at the nursing home. Give a mild or generous donation to those who do not have enough to celebrate Christmas. Mirror the morals you have learned and just maybe someone will wonder what's different about you this holiday season.

Third, enjoy the things that only come once a year. Take your picture with Santa (creepy as he may be). Bake up a storm in your kitchen at home and pig out on holiday goodies; Watch It's a Wonderful Life, The Santa Clause, and A Charlie Brown

Christmas. Lastly, drive safely home, say "ho, ho, ho" and have yourself a holly, jolly Christmas! Best of luck; keep your head on straight during this stressful season and have a happy New Year while you're at it!

Johnson

From page 4

Facebook and YouTube and a host of other public, electronic forums. Should "loosen up," as it were. If you take a step down that path, then you must fast forward to its conclusion. The levels of respect for authority are interconnected; the ripple effect is real. Once the alteration of one facet of respect for authority has been accepted, the others become vulnerable to the same change. Parents should loosen up and realize that their children should not be expected to listen to lectures—they've learned all they need to know from their friends and their friends' blogs. Employers should loosen up and learn to tolerate rude gestures and over-familiar employees. This is all well and fine—so long as you are not the authority. And then of course there is the problem of following this impact all the way—to the end. In a perfectly fair and well-ordered world, every student would recognize and treasure the great value possessed by every representative of authority at FHU. And although life is unfair and frequently out-of-order, I still hope that students can find great value here—enough to provide a higher motivation for respectful behavior. If this is too much to ask, then you can at least know that I, among many, will always have your best interests at heart.

Top 10 Albums of the Year

By Bryson Leach
Entertainment Columnist

My 10 Favorite Albums of 2008

I wouldn't normally write an article like this so far away from new year's day but since the next issue of The Belltower will not be until the new year, I thought that now would be a wonderful time to give you a list of my top 10 favorite albums from this year. These are listed in order from least to greatest.

10. "Unfamiliar Faces" – Matt Costa
Favorite Songs: "Mr. Pitiful" and "Lilacs"

Matt Costa caught my attention with his laid back groove in his freshman release, "Songs We Sing." His new album has not failed to continue that same laidback feeling that really helps me relax.

9. "Loyalty to Loyalty" – Cold War Kids

Favorites: "Every Valley Is Not A Lake" and "Something Is Not Right With Me"

I don't really expect anyone to like this choice but I couldn't help it, I just really like these guys. Ever have one of those bands that no one likes but you? Yeah, I know you do. These guys are just one of my artillery of bands I could use to really feel funky and chill at the same time. If you want to explore something different, these guys are a good place to start.

8. "Me and You and the World" – Dave Barnes

Favorites: "Until You" "On a Night Like This" and "When A Heart Breaks"

Many of you, girls especially, are familiar with Dave and his wonderful way with words. Did I mention that UPC is bringing him to Freed February 10th? This new album is like his others in that it keeps getting better and better. This might be the first album that has gotten him some radio and music video playtime.

7. "19" – Adele
Favorites: "Cold Shoulder" and "Chasing Pavements"

I know I've mentioned her in a previous article but this chick is amazing. Her voice is like pure rhythmic gold. Each song has just enough R&B to get your mind off of that exam you should be studying for.

6. "Limbs and Branches" – Jon Foreman

Favorites: "Your Love Is Strong" and "House of God, Forever"

Lead singer and songwriter for rock sensation Switchfoot, Jon Foreman takes a break from the edgy scene to write his heart out with a guitar. This album is a compilation of his 4 EPs named after the 4 seasons of the year. I highly recommend each of them to everyone I meet, sometimes more than once.

5. "Viva La Vida or Death and All of His Friends" – Coldplay

Favorites: "Lovers in Japan" and "Lost!"

I know I might get shot for not putting this album on the top of my list but I must admit, I'm one of those guys that liked them before they sold out. My favorite Coldplay album is still Parachutes and Rush of Blood to the Head. If they can go back to that style of music I'd love them even more. They guys are my favorite band but they really didn't impress me with this one as much as I had hoped.



4. "Simple Times" – Joshua Radin
Favorites: "I'd Rather Be With You," "Friend Like You," and "Vegetable Car"

Radin's almost-whisper of a voice and rolling guitar rhythm is unreal. I would suppose Radin is getting married or just got married when he wrote this because it sure does sound like it. I've recommended his music to more than one of my betrothed friends to play at their wedding. If you're getting married, 5 of his songs off of this album are perfect love songs to play at the reception.

3. "Gossip In the Grain" – Ray Lamontagne

Favorites: "I Still Care For You," "Henry Nearly Killed Me (It's a Shame)" and "Let It Be Me"

I still have his music ringing in my ears after seeing him in concert almost 2 months ago. LaMontagne (pronounced La-montayne) has a wonderful earthy voice and a real knack for southern-influenced-rock and the blues. Each song is as powerful as the next.

2. "Narrow Stairs" – Death Cab for Cutie

"Long Division" and "I Will Possess Your Heart"

Death Cab is one of my top five favorite bands these days and this album helped put them there. I love their energy and sound in this album as with each album. This time I feel like they turned up the energy and turned down the rock and fed us a little more quiet, which I'm totally ok with. I get nervous when a band tries to flex their musical muscle and push out in different directions; with Death Cab they did a wonderful job in this.

1. "Vampire Weekend" – Vampire Weekend

"M79" and "A-Punk"

After seeing only 30 seconds of the end of their last song on SNL this year, I immediately went and bought their CD. I love their sound so much it's ridiculous. One time I let someone listen to them in my car and ended up having to burn them a copy. I don't know anyone who knows them and doesn't like them. They're fun, smart, and silly at the same time. I bet you didn't see these guys coming for the top of my list did ya?

I didn't take time to go into much detail about the style of the artists I mentioned in this article. Why? I knew your attention span wouldn't allow it. But, what I would recommend is that you take some time to expand your musical apex and check out any of these people I've mentioned today. If you see me around, let me know what you think of them, I always love a good criticism. Have a wonderful, music-filled, Christmas!

Respect at FHU: Tell us what you think...

By Stephanie Pounders
Editor in Chief

A recent issue of The Bell Tower included a cartoon that many people found offensive for two reasons: its racist overtones and its lack of respect for authority. To offend was not, and never is, the goal of this newspaper. However, the reaction to this cartoon provides what can be a thoughtful, challenging, and instructive moment for the FHU community.

Here The Bell Tower would like to open up to conversation and study one of the offending

issues of the cartoon, that of the relationship of the FHU student body with people in positions of authority. This topic seems especially relevant in light of the incident of the Tolling of the Bell prank.

Specifically, we want to ask:
• Is there a generational gap between how FHU's students and its faculty, administrators, and staff members expect to interact with each other?

• How have online forms of communication, such as

Facebook and email, affected these relationships?

• What level of respect or deference should the FHU student body have for those in positions of authority? How should that respect reveal itself? And in what ways, if any, should FHU's faculty, administrators, and staff members alter their behavior and expectations to meet changing societal expectations of social behavior, especially regarding respect for authority?

• One of the qualities that Merle

Haggard celebrates in "I'm Proud to be an Okie from Muskogee" is that "the kids there still respect the college dean." Is that kind of respect still a value that current students care about?

A wide variety of students were surveyed on this issue. Below we have recorded your peers opinion as to how they feel respect reveals itself in students on our campus.

Here's what you said:

Dr. Jenny Johnson

Here is what I know.

To respect someone is to consider that person worthy of high regard. When showing respect, one's behavior reflects that attitude. An authority, in the human sense, is a person in command – or in charge.

The expectation of respect for authority exists on many levels – regardless of the country, continent, or civilization. Children are expected to respect their parents. Employees are expected to respect their employers and supervisors. Athletes are expected to respect the referee. Citizens are expected to respect government officials.

Created beings are expected to respect their Creator.

There seem to be at least two motivations for a person to respect an authority. A very basic motivation is the belief that it is in your best interest to do so. A

more lofty motivation is your acknowledgement of a great value possessed by the authority. These motivations – whether working together or on their own – can cause you to treat an authority as worthy of your high regard. The resulting behavior on your part will necessarily include good manners and, when required, obedience.

Here is an example. An employee might respect the authority of his employer because the employer is an expert in her field and exhibits exceptional managerial skills. In this case, the employee is motivated at least partially by his perception that the employer possesses a great value. On the other hand, the employer could be a nincompoop. The employee might still respect her as an authority because the employee needs the paycheck to pay his bills. In this case, the employee demonstrates respect because he

believes it is in his best interest to do so.

I have been asked to entertain the possibility that current expectations of the Freed-Hardeman faculty and administration regarding respect for authority should change – should adapt to reflect the

more contemporary standards of behavior advocated by the younger generation of students – should bend to acknowledge the new role of technology and the sheer openness of communication that exists between all people via

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Dr. Becky Cargile



I would say that as far as treating me with respect personally, our students are, for the most part, highly respectful. I think that our teachers are respectful of their students and in turn our students are respectful of us. Now, I'm not saying that my students don't ever disagree with me, but I'm generally not 'challenged' with a defiant attitude.

There are some things that I don't consider to be a really big deal, so I choose to overlook them in my classroom. I understand that certain things are just a part of how society is changing, and that they are not a rebellion against my authority. Some people think that is disrespectful to me as a teacher, but I don't really see it that way. I try not to take too many things personally.

Having taught at places other

than FHU, the attitude of the students here is quite refreshing. On campus the guys hold open doors for me and offer to carry my satchel or boxes, and the students still say, "Yes, mam."

If there is a gap in our generations I don't know about it. Silly pranks are part of your experience at FHU and as long as they don't hurt anybody or tarnish the school's reputation, I think having fun memories make your experience more meaningful. I have to admit, I have a few memories of my own and still laugh over them.

The only bad trend I've seen among students is that some of them feel they are entitled to good grades without putting in the work they require. In my mind, you are entitled to a good grade when you earn it. It would be a disservice to my students education if I handled my classes otherwise.

I really think we have some of the finest students in the world. This is why my job doesn't feel like a job. They are the reason I look forward to coming to work every day.

students to pay special honor to their Christian professors. Online communication, such as Facebook, has helped Freed-Hardeman students and faculty to act more like a Christian family. Facebook has connected students better to each other, as well as making faculty more accessible.

Having respect for authority is important; however, simply because someone is in a position of authority does not mean that they have the best ideas all of the time. Sometimes certain students have more wisdom or a better perspective on an issue, and vice versa with professors. Since we belong to a university, it is important to have an open system of ideas in which respectful, appropriate discussion ideas is encouraged.

great value on manners, then the student will more likely show a higher level of respect for his or her authority figures. However, if the student was raised in a family that placed more importance on individualism, then they are probably more likely to treat their authority figures with an attitude that is more becoming to how one would treat a peer rather than a superior.

the season! I know the economy is looking pretty bad this year, but I encourage you to take some time and enjoy this beautiful break.

I'm no professional Christmas-celebrator or anything, but I do have some quick suggestions to bring a little cheer to your month of December.

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Jeremy Jenkins



There are probably many more, but it would seem that the biggest problem with the older generation and younger generation (for lack of better labels) is communication. I do not believe that either of their methods or diction or habits are inherently wrong, they are just different from one another. It is not Facebook or e-mail or iPods or any other form of communication that is getting in the way of the two generations understanding of each other—it is merely for lack of want that we fail to understand each other. My generation is just as guilty as the other one is. Even though one generation emphasizes some parts of religion or theology or what it means to respect more than others it seems as though we all want the same things; we just have a hard time communicating that to each other and we tend to want those things in different ways. When this lack of communication happens our selfishness really shines through

and we become upset when events or circumstances do not go the way we think they should. When we think people should do "x" to respect us and instead they do "y" we should try to understand and interpret their "y" instead of throwing a fit that we did not get our "x". I want to do a better job of giving the older people I disagree with the benefit of the doubt by being more patient and lenient with them. There is a gap between every generation—this one, however, appears to be much larger than the last few have been and because of that it is going to take a lot of good people to bridge the two often unhappy generations. I believe that a better understanding of two things would help this problem of the generational gap; we should understand that not everyone is like me, and that there is nothing wrong with that. Whether that difference is in age or culture or whatever, it needs to be uncovered, studied, and then dealt with either through change or acceptance. Possibly even more practical advice would be for everyone to understand that there are a lot of problems in this world, and that change can only start when I first examine myself.

Maegen Janes



A student's respect for an authority figure is displayed by their willingness to abide by that figure's rules and expectations.

The individuals who consistently disobey the set rules and seek ways to cause a disturbance show an obvious lack of consideration for the authority figure they are acting out against. The students who abide by the rules and respond to every authority figure with same level of esteem for each of their superiors obviously place a high value on thoughtfulness. So the question is now which of these two categories do the majority of Freed-Hardeman students resemble? Are we as a

student body more centered on pleasing ourselves and choosing to do whatever is best for our own interests rather than what is expected of us? Or do we, a collective whole, make decisions that show a predilection for supporting the proposed clout that is supposedly automatically given to each of our professors and deans? In essence, are we bad or good students? The answer, I believe, lies in each individual student's upbringing. If the student was raised in a family that placed

Her view: Tis' the season



By Brittney Chapin
Columnist

While my final opinionated admonition of the semester could address the ridiculous commercial enterprise of America and the complete and utter disregard for family in our society, I have decided rather to focus on the more positive qualities of the infamous Christmas season. There's no doubt that Black Friday shoppers are lunatics and mall Santas are creepy, but, all in all, this season

has a lot to offer. There is always an abundance of cheer and joy to be had during the busy season.

First off, like most people, Christmas is my favorite holiday! The sight of glittering tinsel-covered trees and colorful blinking lights, the smell of eggnog and Christmas tree pine, and sound of cheerful carols and my favorite holiday movies are only a few of the things that make me adore

almost commonplace to me; not that I am no longer impressed, but that it has become something that I expect to see. I know that when I drive that country road that takes me to and from school, I will look out my car window and expect to see the tall evergreen trees that dot the epic, patchwork hillsides of my current home.

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And you said...

Jessica Phillips:

There may be a disconnect with some older professors, but other than that not really.

But things like Facebook and email have leveled the playing field between students and teachers. We become social equals which dissolves some of the distance that existed between "authority figures" and students in the past.

We should respect our authorities as God commands us. This respect should manifest itself in our interactions, in our timeliness to class, our participation, our honesty, and our gratefulness to their wisdom and knowledge.

If anything at all needs to change, I imagine there are some faculty members who would learn to listen to students more. At Freed-Hardeman respecting authority is important and it is something that can be seen in the students' lives. This is different for Christians, however, than it is for the rest of the world so I'm not sure you can call "respecting the dean" an important value across America, but as of here, yes.

Roy Justice:

Yes, I do think there is a gap between the generations. Our generation has been taught to question and examine everything. We have also seen a lot of corruption in our national and world leaders. Maybe they are more corrupt now or maybe we are just now noticing, but either way, seeing our national and world leaders this way translates into our attitude toward all authority. We are skeptical. We should question and challenge authority when we find it necessary.

I feel like there is a lack of trust and distance between students and faculty now that professors have a peek into our personal lives through online social interfaces like Facebook. If I'm interacting with people on Facebook there may be things, not that they are bad, but still things I don't want them to see. It imposes our professional interactions onto our personal time.

As FELLOW ADULTS, we should show deference to those in authority because we are paying a ridiculous amount of money to be here and the bible tells us to do so. We know the people in positions of authority at FHU are here because they in one way or another they want to further Christian education. The key here is that we are ADULTS and not children anymore. As such, not only should we respect authority maturely, and we should be treated as adults. Part of the problem with respecting authority on campus is that the authority automatically treats students as criminals. We are treated like we are being babysat instead of choosing to come to a place where we can receive a good education. Rules are put in place assuming students will "sin" if someone doesn't make the moral decision for them or set parameters on their lives that are not realistic for adults living in the real world. If the faculty had more trust in students as Christians they would probably have more respect for the faculty.

Part of the misunderstanding with respect for authority is in realizing that society has shifted, and there are those things which used to be indications of someone making generally bad decisions, which is no longer true.

Laura Locke:

I have found that most of the people I have interactions with I can connect with. They have worked with college students a long time, and I think they understand them.

Online forms of communication are definitely changing things. I have a teacher that sends us text messages from his iPhone and messages on Facebook. Our teachers are defiantly catching up.

Obviously the Christian thing to do is respect authority, but here I feel very comfortable questioning my professors and challenging where I see inconsistencies. I think they welcome that.

Things like nose rings and torn clothing and tattoos may seem disrespectful to authority are now normal everyday things that are not sources of rebellion. I think some of our faculty doesn't understand that.

I think that in general because most of FHU's students are raised to respect authority and we do, but when there is favoritism between FHU staff and students and inconsistencies in their policies and punishment and certain students seem to be exceptions to the rules, it's hard to respect those in authority.

Harsh enforcement of the rules makes it seem like they the faculty don't respect us in making our own decisions, especially with signing out of our dorms. They are enforcing a rule, but making everything zero trust issues like we are already criminals. We are adults, not children who come to school to be babysat. I think that if the faculty and staff respected that, we would have a lot more respect for them.

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Planting my heart in Italy



By Bailey Gilreath
Columnist

What have I done? I have torn myself in two. Ten months ago when I signed up to spend a semester in Italy, I intended to cure my travel-bug, to experience life in different cultures, and to mature and grow in many different ways. Most of those objectives have been accomplished, but other things that I did not expect have also taken place. As I have traveled across the European continent small pieces of myself

have been sprinkled across all of the countries that I have visited, like seeds of interest and passion planted. Italy especially has become dear to me. Familiar.

Unwittingly, I have created another "home" for myself. Even now, when I begin to feel homesick and long for the familiar, I know that once I return to life as it was a year ago before I signed up for this trip, I will be homesick for Italy. The landscapes have become

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Upcoming Games

Lady Lions Basketball

December 4th	6:00 PM
@ Trevecca	
December 6th	2:00 PM
@ Cumberland	
December 8th	6:00 PM
vs. Lambuth	
December 13th	2:00 PM
vs. Bryan College	
December 16th	4:00 PM
vs. Milligan College	
December 17th	2:00 PM
vs. Benedictine	

Lions Basketball

December 4th	8:00 PM
@ Trevecca	
December 6th	4:00 PM
@ Cumberland	
December 8th	8:00 PM
vs. Lambuth	
December 12th	7:00 PM
vs. Southern University @ New Orleans	
December 13th	4:00 PM
vs. Campbellsville	

College Football Top 25 Power Poll

- Alabama
- Florida
- Texas
- Oklahoma
- USC
- Penn State
- Utah
- Texas Tech
- Boise State
- Ohio State
- TCU
- Ball State
- Cincinnati
- Oklahoma State
- Georgia Tech
- Oregon
- Georgia
- Boston College
- Missouri
- Brigham Young
- Michigan State
- Mississippi
- Pittsburgh
- Northwestern
- Oregon State

Lions show well in Turkey Day tournament after loss to Lee

By Jacob E. Wallace
Staff Writer

After a long exciting week of Homecoming activities, all eyes on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University turned to the Kirk-Smith Court at the Sports Center where the Lion basketball team took on a highly ranked opponent in the Lee University Flames. The Lions came out hot early, taking a 5-4 lead in first couple minutes. Ten minutes in, the Lions went on an 11-0 run to build a fourteen point lead of twenty-nine to fifteen just over halfway through the first period. Though Lee attempted a comeback, Freed-Hardeman held on to nine point advantage at halftime thanks largely to fifty-one percent shooting from the field. In the second half however, the Flames caught fire. As the Lions' shooting cooled off, scoring only four points in the first seven minutes, Lee ate away at the margin. With six minutes to go, the Flames took the lead on a couple of free throws. Though the Lions tied the game at sixty-seven with under three minutes to play, they never again regained the lead, as much to the chagrin and surprise of the hundreds of fans in attendance, the Flames defeated the Lions 75-67.

The Lions got another shot at the fourth ranked Flames two days later, as Freed-Hardeman traveled to Cleveland, Tennessee to play Lee once again. FHU played Lee close once again, closing to within three points with seven seconds remaining. As Shun Trevillian brought the ball down the court, he was fouled before he could shoot a three. He sunk the first throw of the one-and-one, creating a second attempt. However, with

four seconds left, the Lions likely did not have enough time to steal the ball and score again. Therefore Trevillian strategically missed his second free throw, which Zack Frey grabbed for a rebound. In the process he was fouled. Frey knocked down both free throws to tie the game and send it into overtime. In the extra session, neither team led by more than one possession. In the end, it was Lee who was able to come out on top 72-71.

Four days later, the Lions traveled to Lambuth University in Jackson to take on the Belhaven College Eagles in the Lambuth Classic. Belhaven came out and took an early fourteen point lead in the first half. However, the Lions turned the tables, going on a 19-4 run in the remaining ten minutes to take a 28-27 lead into the locker room. Belhaven stayed close in the opening minutes on of the second half, but thanks to timely shooting the Eagles opened up a 54-43 lead with four and a half minutes to play. The Lions answered with a 17-6 run, including a three possession stretch in which they scored ten points: two three-pointers by Kristoffer Smith, and a four point play by Jesse Moulton. Tied at sixty with less than a minute remaining, Belhaven shot a three from the corner, only for it to bounce long off iron. Shun Trevillian grabbed the rebound and was unintentionally fouled by Belhaven. Trevillian showed his skill at the charity stripe knocking down two free throws to secure the win 62-60. The Lions followed up with a second victory at Lambuth on Saturday over Tougaloo University, also from Mississippi, by the score of 72-65.

The Lions played three the

following week scheduled around Thanksgiving. First the Lions traveled to Columbia, Kentucky to take on the Lindsey Wilson College Blue Raiders. The Lions fought hard but fell 73-60. After Turkey Day, the Lions returned to Jackson, this time to Union University to play two in the Union Thanksgiving Classic. FHU won two tightly contested games. The first, against ninth ranked McKendree University. After FHU pulled ahead 80-79 in the waning seconds of the game, it was realized that they had three fouls to give...and give they did. Every time McKendree made a move toward the basket, FHU fouled. However, the Lions ended up giving four fouls, the last coming with zeroes on the clock. As the gymnasium went silent to await the outcome of the game, the Bearcat missed the front end of the bonus, thus ending the game with the win for the Lions. The next day, the Lions played perhaps their best game of the year against William Carey University, shooting over fifty percent in field goals in the first half, and keeping the foul count low in the second. The Lions pulled out the win in an exciting finale to November play, 73-71.

Freed-Hardeman next starts early conference play on Benefit Dinner weekend, with two games in the Nashville area, against both Trevecca Nazarene University and Cumberland University. Following that, the Lions play three at home to wrap up the semester. Will the Lions improve on their 6-4 record, and take the early lead in the Transouth Conference? The next two weeks will be very important for the Lions as they move towards 2009.



Jud Davis/OMUR
Kristoffer Smith goes up for a shot in the Homecoming game against Lee University.

Rugby has first match this Saturday

By Shannon Hargis
Assistant Editor

"Our mission at FHU Rugby is to inspire people to fall in love with Rugby." This is the mission statement of the recently formed, very first FHU Rugby Team. The team consists of over forty guys, all Freed-Hardeman students, who come out three times a week to play and practice rugby. This is a unique opportunity for many students here and the athletes on this team will continue to uphold the morals and attitude of all other Freed-Hardeman athletes.

For us Americans, in layman's terms rugby is basically like American football sans helmets and all padding. American football actually originated from Rugby. The majority of the rules and game strategies are basically the same but a few differences are that the ball is passed backwards instead of forwards and there is no stoppage in the game, like after downs in football. The ball and the scoring is almost exactly the same.

The guys have been using the Chester County soccer fields to practice on. Athlete, Neil Hillis, has been working very hard to register Freed-Hardeman as an officially licensed team with the USA Rugby Association. The current club

team sponsor of the rugby team is none other than our beloved dean of students, Jeana Wiley. Payton Macullen has also been working diligently on finding a sponsorship for the team. If things go well, the official sponsor could be the energy drink, DRANK.

It is a great time to be a rugby fan in Henderson, TN. This Saturday, December 6th, the Freed-Hardeman rugby team will face their first official opponent, the Harding Bison, in an exhibition match. Harding has had a rugby program for quite a few years, but the guys are taking the match seriously and are very hopeful that they can secure a win. This match against Harding will be held in our own Memphis, TN, just a mere hour and a half away. Because of this convenient location, the team is hoping that there will be a good turn out of Freed-Hardeman fans. Ladies, just think about it, 15+ guys running around the field showing off their athleticism and poise. This is a great opportunity for students to show their love and support for not only rugby, but for all the FHU rugby athletes.

This will be their first official game, but the team is hoping to have many more lined up for next semester. They are hoping to play more games in Memphis,

along with a few possibly in the Nashville area. The creation of a rugby team is a huge step and great accomplishment at FHU and a great way to continue to broaden and diversify the activities offered at Freed-Hardeman for students to have the chance to participate in.

If you would like to know more about FHU rugby, Brandon Hall has created an awesome website for the team. It has the whole squad roster along with the schedule and a photo gallery. Check it out at www.fhurugby.com and we hope that you come out to "fall in love with rugby!"



Photo Submitted
Tristan makes a tackle while Ben tries to hold on to the ball at a Rugby practice.



Photo Submitted
Over forty Freed-Hardeman students make up the new club Rugby team.

Intramural Football is in action

Championship night for Intramural football will be Thursday December 4th. All championship games will be held on the lighted field.



Diana Atchley/The Bell Tower

Freed-Hardeman Intramural Football season is in high gear with teams playing in all weather conditions.

Smith-Kirk Court Dedication

By Shannon Hargis
Assistant Editor

If you haven't noticed the new shine of the gym floor in the Sports Center of Freed-Hardeman, you might have missed the new names as well.

The hard work of refurbishing was completed this summer when the main court got a whole new look to it including two names that honor former FHU coaches and athletic directors: Charlie Smith and Hoyt Kirk.

Kirk was associated with

FHU athletics for over 25 years as both a coach and an athletic director. After playing basketball for the Lions, Smith returned to coach men's basketball as well as baseball, volleyball, and tennis during his time here. He also served as the FHU athletic director until 2003.

The Smith-Kirk Court was officially dedicated on November 15th, during the all to appropriate time of Homecoming, directly following the Lady Lion's basketball game.



Shannon Hargis/The Bell Tower

The main court in FHU Sports Center gets a new look and new names.

Short-Term Missions

By: Jennie Bohm
Staff Writer

Missions are an important aspect of Freed Hardeman University. Not only does it give students an opportunity to reach out to those who are in need, it also helps the students grow closer to God while leading others through their examples. This year Freed Hardeman will be helping students participate in over nine mission trips that will take place during the winter and spring breaks. Two mission groups will be traveling during winter break to Peru and to Costa Rica. They will be going out after New Years and right before classes start in January.

The first group that will be traveling during winter break will be going to Costa Rica. The leader of this mission group, Diego Rojas, tells us some of the activities the mission group will be doing with the Barva of Heredia Church of Christ in Costa Rica: "Along with door knocking to offer Bible studies, we will be hosting a VBS with gospel meetings at night. Our plan is to invite the children to Bible classes and activities during the day. We plan on the parents coming at night and having a bible study for their evangelization. Our goal is to baptize as many into the church as we can and keep up with the spiritual growth of the brothers and sisters in the congregation."

The other mission group, organized by Mauricio Campos and Elisabet Leon, will be traveling to Lima, Peru. So far 8 students are participating. Campos tells us what they will be doing while in Peru: "We will be hosting a VBS for 5 days, as well as a gospel meeting for the Miraflores Church of Christ located in Lima. We hope to help at least 2000 families who will be bringing their kids to the VBS. We will conduct a VBS everyday, each at a different place. While we are there we will be teaching Bible classes, playing games with the children, and performing skits."

If you would like to participate in a mission trip, but are not prepared to travel over winter break, consider signing up for

a mission trip during spring or summer break. Some missions during spring break include places such as Argentina, Haiti, Martinsville, WV, Mobile, AL to the inner city, and the Dominican Republic.

Freed Hardeman is a wonderful place to explore many opportunities for mission work. Unfortunately, many students may not realize how easy it is to become involved. Beth Kee comments, "There are hundreds of resources including the knowledgeable and experienced faculty, thousands of newsletters on file, and hundreds of student contacts. Unfortunately, most of the student body is not aware that we have all these resources or that they are fairly easily accessible. I wish that we could get these things out to the students more because there is a wealth of resources free to use!"

Missions can not only encourage evangelistic growth and maturity among churches in need, but they can also help shape and form the future of students. Glen Henton, the director of the missions department here at Freed Hardeman states, "Going on short-term mission trips often encourages some to make the decision to become involved long-term, which helps with a great need for preaching the Word throughout the world. Good is done for the missionaries who work in the particular mission point, for the local church, for the participants, and seeds are planted in the hearts of a non-Christian that bears fruit during the campaign or at some later point."

If you would like to know more regarding the mission opportunities here at Freed Hardeman or would like to participate in an upcoming missions trip, please contact Glen Henton or any of the Bible Missions faculty for more information. The world is in a desperate need to hear God's word. And as Stan Mitchell comments, "Anyone can do missions; it does not have to be full time, and it does not have to be for all of your life. Remember: God had only one son ... and he was a missionary!"

How Has Your Semester Gone?

Heath Harwell

This is my 7th semester at FHU. Here I have found my career, my best friends, and the group of friends I can call my family. Through these last three and a half years there have been ups and downs, struggles and achievements, A's and D's (Alan Walker, Business Stats), and memories I will cherish for a lifetime. I have grown stronger than I ever thought I could and became humbled more than I thought I needed to. I truly have found my best friends, some of which I owe my life to. My favorite memory of the semester was my birthday. I had the best birthday party, the BEST gift, and the best company. Since living off-campus, you might think you lose contacts and lose touch with friends; however, I found that after adjustment it really is more beneficial to live off-campus your last year. The reason for this is because after we leave, we aren't going to have a "safety-net" to save us. Gano will not be "free" when you graduate, Missie won't get rid of your roommate when he's weird, and Wayne won't be on speed dial when you graduate; although, he will never leave my number two spot.

My favorite memories of my FHU career include painting the lion with Tori Gurganous and Jelynn Carswell, the time Joey half-streaked in chapel, the frequent trips to "the church," Europe with amazing people, trips to FL with my brother, answering, "OPERATOR" on the FHU phone lines, having Susan White help me staple the pants to my borrowed tuxedo in Makin' Music, royally messing up back-drops on student night of MM08, and Olive Garden runs with Kenna.

Betsy Frizzell

This semester has been great! It has been an eventful semester. We got to experience the inauguration of President Wiley, Garrett Meggs chapel, and we have a cool Dean, Jeana Wiley. The best part about this semester has been the increase in the attendance of campus devos. It is encouraging to see so many students taking time out of their night to worship God. Dustin Dickey and Grayson Holt have done a wonderful job planning the devos this semester.

Daniel Haddock

My semester has had some big ups and downs. I have been able to take some really good classes. Those include Roy Sharp's Marriage and the family class that has given me the opportunity to think about life from a different perspective. I have had some of the best times this semester, which is why I think that it went by so quickly. I love this school too, so that might be another reason.

Benjamin Lambert

This is my last semester at freed and it has been my best semester so far. The previous semesters I was unable to fully commit to freed but this semester I decided to give it all and it has been the best. This semester I decided to give all I could to Freed and be a part of as much as I could and its been amazing. I've made some new and incredible friends, and relationships have grown stronger. Everyday is a happy memory...there are thousands of people that have wanted to come to Freed and have been unable to make it here, but I've been blessed to be a part of something that is incredible. God has blessed me to be a part of the most godly people you can meet and build friendships that will last forever no matter where you are in the world. I can't wait to work in the ministry with the men and woman I've met here.



Ashley Samuel

This is my 5th semester at Freed and it has, hands down, been the best so far! I have been busier and more stressed this semester than any other, but my life has been richly blessed and I wouldn't trade any of it! It's hard to pick just one thing from this semester that's been my favorite, but being an RA, working with Interface as a coordinator and being the president of the Campus Delegate Team have definitely been three of the greatest highlights/experiences of my semester. Each of these have taught me a lot this semester, made me grow and allowed me to build relationships that will last a lifetime. I am a better person because of Freed Hardeman, the people here, and the many opportunities I've been given here. FHU is a wonderful place and all too often I take everything she has to offer for granted. I love you all. I am thankful for you. And I am blessed beyond measure to share these incredible college years with you!

Antarra Haumschilt

My semester has been pretty good. I've met a bunch of new people, but that's just part of Freed-Hardeman University. Like many of the previous students have said, the semester has been busy. You get one thing done, and you have something else right in line.

William Sharp

My semester has been pretty good. Flown by really. I remember thinking to myself the other day, "Self, don't you remember when the semester just kicked off, the first day of classes, meeting new people, and teachers asking for your name and me responding with Billy? Man, those were good times." It's been great. Classes, XBX, and the devos. Even "Brown Chicken Brown Cow" won Freed's National Softball Intramural Tournament for Students.

Naomi Jo Pugh

This semester has been full of change, but great. As a freshman, adjusting has been a whole new experience. Balancing studies, club activities, spiritual activities, athletics, friends, and much more has been a struggle that I think I am starting to get the hang of. Meeting so many wonderful people has definitely been my favorite part of this new lifestyle, everyone here is amazing! I realize that freed is definitely the place I need and want to be attending school.

Alex Vizcaino

As a senior this semester has been a bit different than previous ones. I just started realizing that I am fixing to leave the "Bubble" and life is fixing to take another turn. But I cannot complain, this semester I have reflected on my time here and how amazing my life has been here the past 3 and a half years. My friendships I believe are at their strongest point and the fact that I am graduating soon has made me cherish my friends even more. Even though it perhaps was the busiest semester for me, it just might have been the best.

Brianna Steffy

This semester went much faster than I thought it would! My classes aren't too hard this semester, but I'm not looking forward to my 7:30 biology next semester. My semester has been a whirlwind of meeting new people. I would probably have to agree with Cody and say that homecoming was my favorite part of the semester! It was so much fun cheering for all the different events and then storming the court and cheering at the top of our lungs!

Adam Noles

My first semester has been busy yet extremely enjoyable. I did not know really what to expect coming into this semester, but I was pleasantly surprised to find a loving and Christian family here. School is always school and homework is always homework, but feeling like you are a part of something has to be the essence of my experience here. My favorite memory probably would be the shock I felt when my first class of the semester started off with a prayer. Being from a public high school, this simple petition and thanksgiving to God made me realize what a great thing Christian education truly is.



Kody Scott

The semester started smoothly. True to form, I felt extremely motivated and dreamed nightly of a semester chock-full of daily study, a regular sleep schedule, and a renewed commitment to learning. After two weeks, however, my yearning for a personal revolution died like insects under careless feet. That is not to say that it hasn't been a pleasant semester--it certainly has. Alas! My procrastinatory ways have pounced furiously upon me; I rue the day I left tasks for days ahead.

Danae Elder

I can't believe that it's already December! It seems like it was just August with classes starting. Its been very busy with class every day from 8 to 4 and 2 meetings a day for some project or group, and then trying to balance all the fun I still have. The most amazing thing has been the change of spiritual life on campus this year. People were barely coming to devos about November but it is such an encouragement to see everyone still coming out despite tests and it being cold. My favorite thing this semester has been getting to be back with my Red family here at school. I miss everyone when I'm at home. Its always a good time when we get together!

Michelle Van Dyke

It seems like every semester here goes by faster than the last. I am a senior now and I feel like I just got here as a Freshman! This semester went so quickly...I can't believe I am almost done!

Kaitlin Pate

This semester has definitely been stressful!!!! Why does it always seem like our teachers pile all of their tests or projects on us and have them all due the same week?! Especially around Homecoming week. EEEK!

Whitney Eason

This semester has been much more difficult than most of my freshman year classes; I can tell a huge difference in my workload. Other than that, this semester has been amazing. Specifically, I love living in hall-roland, and I feel I've made a lot of progress in deciding what I want to do with my life.

Brian Abbott

My semester has been great. It has been plenty hard, but not too demanding (a lot of tests but not much else). I have a private room, so I really enjoy the freedom. I've gotten some good sleeps this semester, which is always a plus. I will never ever take another 7:30. Or 11:30 (it cuts into my lunch time...see below). My favorite memory is eating lunch with the basketball girls. They are the best! I've had a pretty laid-back semester. 17 hours but no job or anything too demanding so I've had plenty of free time. :) I'm pretty much livin' it up.

Sara Beth Krantz

I have had a really busy semester and I haven't had time to go home at all except for once [not including break]. Classes have been great and I have really enjoyed them. My classes have kept me on my toes, but nothing out of the ordinary. My favorite memory was being able to see my youth group during RUSH weekend as well as my boyfriend coming up that weekend, too. They're great!

Megan Vitarelli

My semester has been good but busy! The thing about being a senior is that you don't only worry about your life at Freed but also your life after freed. It can be stressful at times but my friends are always there to support me!



Tara Deatheridge

My semester has FLOWN by!! I feel like I just moved in for the year and it is already December and everyone is getting ready for finals! This semester has been crazy taking the hardest of the nursing classes and playing basketball so I have not had much time for anything else. Life is busy and flying by!!

Italy

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Driving, too, will be a renewed experience. I have become accustomed to public transportation. I have become used to trekking down the hill to catch a bus to the train station, to catch a train to Santa Maria Novella in Firenze, and then another train to wherever my heart desires. Though currently I miss the convenience of having my own car and being able to easily drive short distances without worrying about time constraints, I know that I will miss being able to hop a train and arrive in a few hours, or the next morning in an entirely different country. And upon arrival, instead of then being stranded without a vehicle as I would be in America, I know I will have the option of catching a bus, a tram, or riding the metro to different areas of whatever city I in which I may be. I know I will miss having the freedom to spontaneously travel to another country, even if it is just for a day or two. I will miss the way it feels to experience a culture for the first time.

Another area in which I am torn is on the subject of food. As I sit here eating pasta dish after pasta dish I long for the home-cooked comfort foods that my mother prepares. Thanksgiving foods are her specialty and I am thankful that I will be returning home in time to celebrate that holiday with my family. The steak, sweet-potato, and yeast roll meal that is my usual at my family's favorite restaurant is also enticing.

However, I know that once I have been home for a while and have quenched my cravings, I will remember and miss genuine Italian food and other European delicacies that I have begun to take for granted. Gelato, Italian ice cream, is so much better than the ice cream that I grew up enjoying. Italian coffee as well, will be sorely missed. I know that once I return to the weak, bitter coffee of America, I will think fondly of the tasty, robust coffee that I indulge in daily. Throughout these past three months in Italy, I have longed for peanut butter, a staple food at my former home. And still the idea of

being able to enjoy peanut butter and jelly sandwiches is quite a favorable one, however, I have no doubt that I will soon miss genuine Nutella, the European equivalent of my old favorite.

In addition to these things I have missed the familiarity and convenience of America. I feel cut off by the language barrier and it frustrates me not to be able to communicate with the wonderful and exciting people around me. I look forward to walking in to a place where everyone speaks English. Oh, how much easier each little task will be! As strange as it sounds, I also miss being able to walk into Wal-mart at any time of the day. Mostly because of my familiarity, America is a much more convenient place for me. Conversely though, as I long for the comfort and ease of home, I know that I will soon grow bored and once more desire the excitement of my current life. It is exciting going to a place where you are not spoon-fed and things are not simple and laid out for you. People in Italy very often do not speak English. They are a proud people who do not like to forfeit pieces of their culture. It is exciting to wake up on this hilltop every morning and marvel as the fog rolls away to reveal the breathtaking view.

So, the problem is this: I now have two homes. I feel I can never really be content because I will always be homesick for the place I am not. I have planted my heart in Italy, a place an ocean's distance from my natural home, and the only thing I can see to do is to continue traveling. Since I will not be happy staying in one place, I will continue to nurture the pieces of my heart that have been planted. I feel, however, that this will not last. Every nomad eventually finds a home. One day I will settle in the place where my heart has taken root the strongest. Wherever that is, a piece of me will always lie in my home for a while, Italy.